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1. At 4 p.m. on 19 November 1948 one train, labeled "For Railroad Bureau Only," arrived in Harbin from the USSR via Manchouli.
2. Aboard the train were 512 armed railroad guards wearing dark blue uniforms. Most of the rifles the guards carried were automatic rifles with drum magazines (probably submachine guns). The guards were billeted in the Soviet barracks in the Nankang District.
3. On the train were 4 small artillery pieces, 19 machine guns (both light and heavy), and 2 small American-made trucks. There were one car of ammunition and canned foods, and one car of medical supplies and litters.
4. At 4 p.m. on 21 November 1948 another train labeled "For Railroad Bureau Only" arrived in Harbin from the USSR via Manchouli.
5. The passengers, all Soviets, included 116 persons in railroad technicians' clothing, 211 in railroad staff uniform and 420 armed guards in railroad military personnel uniform. The guards were billeted in the Soviet barracks, Nanking District, and the others in the Nankang Railroad Staff dormitory. This group is scheduled to go to Changchun soon.
6. Cargo on the second train included 316 rifles, 63 automatic rifles, 22 machine guns (light and heavy), 4 small artillery pieces and 44 bundles of dark blue woolen uniforms (approximately 1,200 uniforms).

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